consideration of the Government at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Electricity generated in the Country

42. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total electricity generated in the country by the existing power projects in comparison with the demand by the public;

(b) the power projects proposed to be undertaken to meet the gap, if any;

(c) whether electricity is also lost in transmission through old apparatus etc.;

(d) if so, the steps taken to provide continuous supply of electricity in the country particularly in Haryana; and

(c) the funds likely to be allocated for this most important sector alongwith the arrangements for the sourcesraw material and foreign investments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) During the year 1995-96, as against the requirement of 389721 million units (MUs) in the country, the availability was 354045 MUs representing a shortfall of 9.2%.

(b) It is proposed to add 2868.5 MW capacity during the year 1996-97.

(c) Some loss of energy is always associated with the transmission of power though any weakness in the system does increase this loss.

(d) Various measures undertaken to improve power supply position in the country, including Haryana, are expediting the commissioning of new generation capacity, implementation of short-gestation projects, improving the performance of existing power stations, reduction in transmission and distribution losses, implementation of better demand side management and energy conservation measures, besides transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas.

(e) For the year, 1996-97, it is proposed to allocate Rs. 7107.79 Crores for various projects/schemes in the Central Sector including external assistance. Arrangements for fuel supply, domestic as well as foreign, for power projects are also being strengthened.

Accommodation to the Employees of Departments of Posts and Telecommunications in Punjab

43. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employees in the Departments of Posts and Telecommunications, category-wise, in Punjab;

(b) the number of employees, category-wise, out of them, who have been provided accommodation; and

(c) by when the remaining employees are likely to be provided accommodation?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA):

		Deptt. of Post	Deptt. of Telecommunications
(a)	Group 'A'	14	131
	Group 'B'	38	376
	Group 'C'	6430	8013
	Group 'D'	1660	2797
(b)	Group 'A'	5	82
	Group 'B'	6	97
	Group 'C'	320	716
	Group 'D'	83	286

(c) *Department of Post:* Due to present resource crunch, it will not be possible to provide accommodation to the remaining employees for the time being.

Deptt. of Telecom: The efforts are being made to achieve the level of satisfaction on housing to 14% of total number of employees in Department of Telecom. With this objective in view, the additional funds are being provided in 8th Five Year Plan.